1313. [*Transferred to the 30th July, 1992.*]

1314. [*Transferred to the 30th July, 1992.*]

कोलगट टूथपेस्ट में कैल्शियम फॉस्फेट का उपयोग

1315. **श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गुजरात स्थित एनार फाउन्डेशन रिसर्च सेन्टर द्वारा किए गए परीक्षण से इस बात का पता चला है कि कोलगेट पामोलिव द्वारा भारत में अपने उत्पादों, जैसे कोलगट टूथपेस्ट में जानवरों की हड्डियों से तैयार किए गए कैल्शियम फास्फेट का उपयोग किया जा रहा है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में किसी जांच के आदेश दिए गए हैं और यदि हां, तो उसके क्या परिणाम निकले हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी० के० तारा देवी सिद्धार्थ) (क) सरकार के पास ऐसी कोई सूचना नहीं है ।

(ख) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Request for admission in medical colleges

1316. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medical students who are studying in different universities in erstwhile Soviet Union and their parents have requested the Central Government for admission in various medical colleges in India to finish their studies after the disintegration of the U.S.S.R.;

(b) if so, the number of such requested received so far; and

(c) what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) The Medical Council of India have informed that they have received 54 applications seeking migration to Indian Medical Colleges. The cases are coming before the Council in a phased manner and those covered by the migration rules have been cleared.

1317. [*Transferred to the 24th July, 1992.*]

Medicinal uses of Rudraksha

1318. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rudraksha bead has great therapeutic value and medicinal uses;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps to popularise the medicinal uses of the bead?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) The midicinal utility of Rudraksha is described in Ayurvedic literature. It is used as single drug and also as ingredient for some of the compound Ayurvedic Formulations.

(c) There is no proposal to popularise the medicinal value of Rudraksha bead separately.

Cobalt in disuse in medical college

1319. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Kashmir Times' of 4th July, 1992 under the caption "Cobalt in disuse in Medical College";

(b) whether it is a fact that the radiation equipment machines at Jammu in J&K an for curing cancer were lying unused till June 1991, causing a loss of Rs. 4.50 lakhs;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to lack of technical staff and present these machines are being used only for 5 hours daily instead of 18 hours per day;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the radiation is posing hazard to staff in adjourning rooms; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of food adulteration detection kit

1320. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that one Prof. (Miss) Geetha Swaminathan of Stella Marris College, Madras has developed a very simple, elegent and inexpensive food adulteration detection kit;

(b) whether it is a fact that this kit has been field tested successfully;

(c) whether Government propose to support and reward such innovators; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to obtain at least 1000 such kits and arrange its demonstration and training amongst consumers and other activists/women NGOs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d) The Government of Tamil Nadu is in the process of testing efficacy of the kit developed by Prof. Miss Geetha Swaminathan.

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गुजरात में परिवार नियोजन केन्द्र

1321. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा** : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय गुजरात में वर्ष वार नियोजन केन्द्रों की संख्या कितनी है और उन पर प्रति वर्ष जिला-वार कितना कितना खर्च किया जाता है ; और

(ख) 1990-91, 1991-92 के दौरान और अब तक प्रत्येक जिले में परिवार नियोजन के कितने आपरेशन किए गए हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी० के० तारा देवी सिद्धार्थ) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल प रख दी जाएगी ।

Cancer from Chlorinated water

1322. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the "Times of India" dated 3rd July, 1992 under the caption "Chlorinated water may cause cancer";

(b) whether Government are aware of the study referred to in the American Journal of Public Health regarding the corelation between bladder and rectal cancer and chlorinated water;

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether Government have examined this aspect; and

(e) if so, what are the findings in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (e) Yes, Sir.